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This bill imposes transit-oriented development (TOD) on residential communities that will re-develop state-owned parking lots into multi-unit housing with a minimum overall average gross density of 15 dwelling units acre within 1/2 mile of all transit (train stations).

Increases in density means more buildings and often bigger buildings, which also means more asphalt and concrete, fewer trees and green space, less sunlight and less privacy – all of which are antithetical to most people's preferences for where they want to live. Fewer trees also negatively impacts health because there is less oxygen to breathe. This dehumanization of streetscapes is not what most people want!

HB5429 will prevent towns from enforcing any of their local zoning rules, which include height and setback requirements, in the "transit zones", and this will undoubtedly result in high-rise apartment buildings going up in single-family-type neighborhoods. This is also what most people do not want.

HB5429 also looks very suspiciously like one of many means of implementing Agenda 21/2030, an insidious United Nations-driven scheme to separate people from their property and move them into more densely packed living conditions under the false pretense of "climate change" and the UN's brand of "sustainable development" – its sweeping program for the global control and restriction over everyone's daily lives, to be exerted over private property, individual rights, and civil liberties for the sake of "saving" the environment and the promotion of so-called "social justice". This is totally unlawful, totally unconstitutional, and totally unethical. No, thank you!

Locally elected planning and zoning people, who are normally the most accountable to the residents of any municipality, can make zoning regulations such that they allow for lawful and ethical planned development that honors residents' rights without any adverse effects on the environment, local infrastructure, living conditions, and historical preservation.

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